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FROM THE RICHMOND ENQUIRER.

To-day we present the people of Virginia with a full and accurate explanation of the mystery of Know-Nothingism. In its ritual and constitution, of which we give an exact and literal copy, not only are the objects and principles of the order distinctly set forth, but its cypher, formulas, signs, grips, and other secret work, are clearly and completely disclosed. The mask is torn from Know-Nothingism, and it is exposed to the indignation of the country in all the repulsive aspects of its vile and hideous nature.

No doubt there are members of the order who will attempt to hide themselves from the blasting gaze of the public eye, and to cover up their shame and guilt from popular execration, by disputing the authenticity of these documents. Bound by the obligation of the most horrible oaths, and pricked on by fear of the most dreadful penalties, to deny and conceal even the existence of the order, its members will not hesitate to resort to every expedient of equivocation and misrepresentation to break the force of these revelations. But Know-Nothingism cannot evade this blow. If any respectable person in the State, question the authenticity of these publications, we pledge ourselves to establish the genuineness to his satisfaction. If any Know-Nothing charges that they are a fabrication, we will convict him of falsehood before the country. We throw out the defiance, let any Know-Nothing who dares, accept the challenge.

KNOW-NOTHING RITUAL AND CONSTITUTION.

Key to the Know-Nothing Alphabet.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25
N	O	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26

12 S	4 O	14 T	12 S	3 B
16 U	10 R	15 H	6 P	1 A
6 P	7 D	9 E	1 A	2 N
10 R	9 E	2 N	2 N	
9 E	10 R	12 S	13 G	9 E
25 M	4 O	14 T	23 L	10 R
9 E	11 F	1 A	9 E	
			7 D	

RITUAL.

FIRST DEGREE COUNCIL.

OUTSIDE.

Marshal.—Gentlemen: Are you candidates for admission to this organization? [Each answers, "I am."] **Marshal.**—Before proceeding further, it is necessary that you take an obligation of 12, 9, 5, 10, 9, 5, 24. [Secrecy.] Are you willing to take such an obligation? ["I am."] **Marshal.**—You will now place yourself in a position to receive it. [Position: place the right hand on the 3, 17, 3, 23, 9, 1, 2, 7, 5, 10, 4, 12, 12.] [Bible and Cross.] **Obligation.**—You do solemnly swear upon this 15, 4, 23, 24, 3, 17, 3, 13, 9, 1, 2, 7, 5, 10, 4, 12, 12. [Holy Bible and Cross] before Almighty God and these witnesses that you will not divulge any question now proposed to you, whether you become a member of it or organization or not, and that you will never, under any circumstances, mention the name of any person or persons you may see present, nor that you know such an organization to be in existence, and that you will true answer make to every question asked you to the best of your knowledge and belief. So help you God. ["I will."] **First Question.**—Are you twenty-one years of age? ["I am."] **Second Question.**—Do you believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, and that an obligation upon you at this time will be binding upon you through life? ["I do."] **Third Question.**—Were you 3, 4, 10, 20 (born) within the limits or under the jurisdiction of the 16, 2, 17, 14, 9, 7, 12, 14, 1, 14, 9, 12, 1, 25, 9, 10, 17, 5, 1, 7 United States of America? ["I was."] **Fourth Question.**—In 10, 9, 23, 17, 13, 17, 5, 12, 3, 9, 23, 17, 9, 11. [Religious belief] are you a 10, 4, 25, 1, 2, 5, 1, 14, 15, 4, 23, 17, 5? [Roman Catholic] ["No."] **Fifth Question.**—Have or have you not been reared under 6, 10, 4, 14, 9, 12, 14, 1, 2, 14. [Protestant] influence? ["Yes."] **Sixth Question.**—Are, or were, either of your parents 10, 4, 25, 1, 2, 5, 1, 14, 15, 4, 23, 17, 5, 12 [Roman Catholic] in 10, 9, 23, 17, 13, 17, 4, 16, 12, 9, 23, 17, 9, 11. [Religious belief] ["No."] **Seventh Question.**—If 25, 1, 10, 10, 17, 9, 7, married in your 20, 17, 11, 9, (wife) 10, 4, 25, 1, 2, 5, 1, 14, 15, 4, 23, 17, 5, [Roman Catholic] ["No."] or "Yes," the answer to be valued as the Constitution of the State Council shall provide. **Eighth Question.**—Are you willing to use your influence, and vote only for notice born American citizens for all the offices of honor or

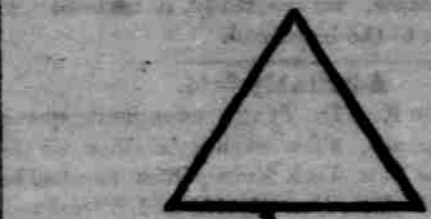
trust in the gift of the people, to the exclusion of all foreigners and aliens, and of Roman Catholics in particular, and without regard to party predilections. ["I am."] **INSIDE.**

Marshal.—Worthy President: I have examined these candidates, and finding them duly qualified, present them for obligation. [If the examination in the ante-room gave evidence of even partial objection to the candidate, the Marshal should state it to the President, before introducing the candidates.] **President.**—My friends: Previous to your uniting with and becoming members of this organization, it will be necessary for you to take upon yourselves a solemn obligation—one which we have all taken and intend earnestly to keep through life. It will not conflict with the duties you owe to yourselves, your country, and your families, or your God. With this assurance, are you willing to proceed? [Each answers, "I am."] **Obligation.**—You, and each of you of your own free will and accord, in the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses, your right hand resting on this 15, 4, 23, 24, 3, 23, 9, 1, 2, 7, 5, 10, 4, 12, 12 [Holy Bible and Cross] and your left hand raised toward Heaven [or, if it be preferred, your right hand raised toward Heaven] in token of your sincerity, do solemnly promise and swear that you will not make known to any person or persons, any of the signs, secrets, mystery or objects of this organization, unless it be to those, when, after due examination, or lawful information, you shall find to be members of this organization in good standing; that you will not cut, carve, print, paint, stamp, stain, or in any way, directly or indirectly, expose any of the secrets or objects of this order, nor suffer it to be done by others, if in your power to prevent it, unless it be for official in traction; that, so long as you are connected with this organization, if not regularly dismissed from it, you will in all things, political or social, so far as this order is concerned comply with the will of the majority, when expressed in a lawful manner, though it may conflict with your personal preference, so long as it does not conflict with the Grand, State, or Subordinate Constitution of the United States of America, or that of the State in which you reside; and that you will not, under any circumstances whatever, knowingly recommend any unworthy person for initiation nor suffer it to be done, if in your power to prevent it. You furthermore promise and declare that you will not vote, nor give your influence for any man for any office, in the gift of the people, unless he be an American born citizen, in favor of American rule in America, nor if he be a Roman Catholic; and that you will not under any circumstances, expose the name of any member of this order, nor reveal the existence of such an organization. To all the foregoing you bind yourselves, under the no less penalty than that of being expelled from the order, and having your name posted and circulated throughout the different Councils of the United States as a perjurer, and as a traitor to God and your country; as a being unfit to be employed, entrusted, countenanced or supported in any business transaction; as a person totally unworthy the confidence of all good men, and as one at whom the finger of scorn should ever be pointed. So help you God. [Each answers, "I do."] **President.**—Worthy Marshal: You will now present these Brothers to the Secretary that he may register their names and residence; which being done, you will present them to the Instructor for final instructions.

Marshal.—Worthy Instructor: By direction of the Worthy President, I present to you these Brothers for final instructions they have signed the Constitution: **Instructor.**—Brothers: At the outer door you will make an ordinary alarm. When the wicket is opened, you will ask "WHAT IS THE PASS?" The Outside Sentinel will reply, "GIVE IT," when you will give the term-pass, and be admitted to the ante-room. You will then proceed to the inner door, and give one rap; when the wicket is opened give your name, the name of your Council, the explanation of the term-pass, and the degree pass word. If these be found correct, on being reported to the Vice President, you will be admitted to the Council. You will then proceed to the center of the room and address the President with the countersign, which is performed thus: [Position: the right hand placed on the heart and quickly withdrawn, the person remaining perfectly erect.] When this situation is recognized, you will turn to the Vice President and address him in the same manner, who will also reply. You will then quickly take your seat. This sign is peculiar to this degree, and never to be used outside of the Council room. When retiring, you will address the officers in the same manner, and also give the degree pass word to the Inside Sentinel.

The term pass-words is [the word to be established by each State Council for the respective subordinates.]. The explanation of the term pass to be used at the inner door, is [to be established by each State, &c.]. The degree pass word is "TWENTY-ONE," (since changed to TWENTY). The travelling pass word and explanation, (which is changed annually by the Grand President, and which is used only when the Brother is travelling beyond the jurisdiction of his own State, District, or Territory,) is "YORKTOWN—the place of final victory." The sign of recognition is by placing the index finger of the right hand in the space between the buttons of the coat, vest or shirt, and elevating the thumb. The answer is given by placing the thumb of the right hand in the same place. The grip is given in the form of a lady's slight shake of the hand, by bringing the three fingers of the right hand, in such a position as to bring the thumb slightly upon the nail of the middle finger, dropping the hand immediately, when the following conversation ensues—the challenging party first saying,

"what time?" The answer—"time for work." Then the response—"are you?" followed by the rejoinder, "we are." Public notice for mass meetings is given by means of a right angle triangular piece of



paper, white in color. In its situation is wanted of the object of the gathering, or of the place, &c., the inquirer will ask of an undoubted Brother only, "Have you seen Sam-to-day?" The reply will be, "Go to—o'clock." A piece of paper of the same shape, but red in color, will signify suspected danger. If the color is red with an equilateral triangular piece cut out thus, it will denote actual

trouble which requires that you come prepared to meet it. Brothers you are now initiated into, and made acquainted with, the work and organization of a Council of the degree of the order; and here, upon the threshold of our institution, with the remembrance of your solemn obligation fresh upon us all, we extend to you the welcome and the sympathies of honest and true men. Refresh their minds with the history of our 5, 4, 16, 2, 14, 10, 24, (country), the glorious 3, 1, 14, 14, 23, 9, 12 (battles) and the brilliant 1, 5, 14, 12 (acts) of 6, 1, 14, 10, 17, 4, 14, 12 (patriots), which is our common inheritance, to point them to the wise sagacious and profound statesmen who founded our 13, 4, 18, 9, 10, 2, 25, 9, 2, 14, (Government). Instill into their bosoms an ardent love for the 16, 2, 17, 4, 2 (Union). Above all else, keep alive in their hearts the memory, the maxims, and the deathless example of our illustrious 20, 1, 12, 15, 17, 2, 13, 14, 4, 2 (Washington)!

President.—Brothers: you are members in full fellowship of 14, 15, 9, 12, 16, 6, 10, 9, 25, 9, 4, 10, 7, 9, 10, 4, 11, 14, 15, 9, 12, 14, 1, 10, 12, 6, 1, 2, 13, 23, 9, 7, 3, 1, 2, 2, 9, 10 (the Supreme Order of the Star Spangled Banner).

CONSTITUTIONS.

Of the Grand State and Subordinate Councils.

GRAND COUNCIL.
Officers of the Grand Council.
President.—James W. Barker, of New York, N. Y.
Vice President.—W. W. Williamson, of Alexandria, Va.
Corresponding Secretary.—Jas. M. Stevens, of Baltimore, Md.
Treasurer.—Henry Crane, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Inside Sentinel.—John P. Hilton, of Washington, D. C.
Outside Sentinel.—Henry Metz, of Detroit, Mich.
Chaplain.—Rev. Samuel P. Crawford, of Indianapolis, Ind.

CONSTITUTION.
[Adopted unanimously, June 17, 1854; the anniversary of the battle of Bunker's Hill.]

ARTICLE FIRST.
This organization shall be known by the name and title of THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA, and its jurisdiction and power shall extend to all the States, Districts and Territories of the United States of North America.

ARTICLE SECOND.
A person, to become a member of any Subordinate Council, must be twenty-one years of age; he must believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, as the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; he must be a native born citizen; a protestant born of protestant parents; reared under protestant influence, and not united in marriage with a Roman Catholic; provided, nevertheless, that in this respect, the State, District, or Territorial Councils shall be authorized to construct their respective Constitutions as shall promote the interest of the 1, 25, 9, 10, 17, 5, 1, 2, 5, 1, 16, 12, 9 (American cause) in their several jurisdictions; and provided, moreover, that no member who may have a Roman Catholic wife shall be eligible to any office in this Order.

ARTICLE THIRD.
Section 1. The object of this Organization shall be to resist the 17, 2, 12, 17, 7, 17, 4, 16, 12, 6, 4, 23, 17, 5, 24 (misdemeanors) of the 5, 15, 16, 10, 5, 15, 4, 11, 10, 4, 25, 9 (Church of Rome) and all other 11, 4, 10, 9, 17, 12, 2, 17, 2, 11, 23, 16, 9, 2, 5, 9 (foreign influence) against the 17, 2, 12, 14, 17, 14, 16, 14, 17, 4, 12, 12 (institutions) of 4, 16, 10, 5, 4, 16, 2, 14, 10, 24 (our country), by placing in all 4, 11, 11, 17, 5, 9, 12 (offices) in the 18, 17, 11, 14 (gift) of the 6, 9, 4, 6, 23, 9, (people) or by appointment, none but 2, 1, 14, 17, 18, 9, 3, 4, 10, 2, 6, 10, 4, 14, 9, 12, 14, 1, 2, 14, 5, 17, 14, 17, 26, 9, 2, 12 (native born protestant citizens).

Section 2. The Grand Council shall hold its annual meeting on the first Tuesday in the month of June, at such place as may be designated by the Grand Council at the previous annual meeting; and it may adjourn from time to time. Special meetings shall be called by the President, on the written request of five delegations representing five State Councils: provided, that sixty days notice shall be given to the State Councils, previous to said meeting.

Section 3. The Grand Council shall be composed of thirteen delegates from each State, to be chosen by the State Councils; and each District or Territory, where a District or Territorial Council shall exist, shall be entitled to send five delegates, if five or more subordi-

nate Councils shall exist in such District or Territory: provided, that in the 2, 4, 25, 17, 2, 1, 14, 17, 4, 2, 11 [nominations] of 5, 1, 2, 7, 17, 7, 1, 14, 9, 12 [candidates] for 6, 10, 9, 12, 17, 7, 9, 2, 14, 1, 2, 7, 18, 17, 5, 9, 6, 10, 9, 12, 17, 7, 9, 2, 14, 4, 11, 14, 15, 9, 10, 2, 17, 14, 9, 7, 12, 14, 1, 14, 9, 12, [President and Vice President of the United States,] each State shall be entitled to cast the same number of votes as they shall have members in both houses of Congress. In all sessions of the Grand Council, thirty two delegates, representing thirteen States, Territories or Districts, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4. The Grand Council shall be vested with the following powers and privileges: It shall be the head of the Organization for the United States of North America, and shall fix and establish all signs, grips, pass words, and such other secret work, as may seem to it necessary. It shall have the power to decide upon all matters pertaining to National politics. It shall have the power to exact from the State Councils quarterly or annual statements as to the number of members under their jurisdictions, and in relation to all other matters necessary for its information. It shall have the power to form State, Territorial, or District Councils, and to grant dispensations for the formations of such bodies when five subordinate Councils shall have been put in operation in any State, Territory, or District, and application made.

It shall have the power to determine upon a mode of punishment in case of any delinquency of duty on the part of its members or officers. It shall have the power to adopt calisthenic characters, for the purpose of writing or telegraphing said characters to be communicated to the Presidents of the State Councils, and by them to the Presidents of the Subordinate Councils. It shall have the power to adopt any or every measure it may deem necessary to secure the success of the organization: provided, that nothing shall be done by the said Grand Council in violation of the Constitution; and provided, further, that in all 6, 4, 23, 17, 14, 17, 5, 1, 23, 25, 1, 14, 14, 9, 10, 12 [political matters] its members may be instructed by the State Councils, and if so instructed, shall carry out such instructions of the State Councils which they represent, until overruled by a majority of the Grand Council.

ARTICLE FOURTH.
The President shall always preside over the Grand Council, when present, and in his absence the Vice President shall preside, and in the absence of both, the Grand Council shall appoint a President pro tempore; and the presiding officer may at all times call a member to the Chair, but such an appointment shall not extend beyond one session of the Grand Council.

ARTICLE FIFTH.
Section 1. The officers of the Grand Council shall be a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, two Sentinels, with such other officers as the Grand Council may see fit to appoint from time to time, and the Secretaries and Sentinels may receive such compensation as the Grand Council shall determine.
Section 2. The duty of the several officers created by this constitution shall be such as the work of Organization prescribes.

ARTICLE SIXTH.
Section 1. All officers provided for by the Constitution, except the Sentinels, shall be elected annually by ballot. The President may appoint Sentinels from time to time, or otherwise.
Section 2. A majority of all the votes cast shall be requisite to an election to any office.
Section 3. All officers and delegates may be full members of the organization.

ARTICLE SEVENTH.
Section 1. The Grand Council shall entertain and decide all cases of appeal, and it shall establish a form of appeal.
Section 2. The Grand Council shall levy a tax upon the State, District or Territorial Councils for the support of the Grand Council, to be paid in such manner and at such times as the Grand Council shall determine.

ARTICLE EIGHTH.
The Grand Council may alter or amend this Constitution, at any regular annual meeting, by a two thirds' vote of the members present; provided such amendment shall be adopted by a two thirds' vote of the Grand Council at its next succeeding annual meeting.
GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.
Rule 1. Each State, District or Territory in which there may exist five or more subordinate Councils working under dispensations from the Grand Council of the United States of North America, or under regular dispensations from some State, District or Territory, are duly empowered to establish themselves into a State, District, or Territorial Council, and when so established, to form for themselves Constitutions and By-Laws for their government, in pursuance of and in consonance with the Constitution of the Grand Council of the United States: provided, however, that all District or Territorial Constitutions shall be subject to the approval of the Grand Council of the United States.

Rule 2. All State, District or Territorial Councils, when established, shall have full power and authority to establish all Subordinate Councils within their respective limits; and the Constitution and By-Laws of all such Subordinate Councils must be approved by their respective State, District or Territorial Councils.
Rule 3. All State, District or Territorial Councils, when established, and until the formation of the Constitutions, shall work under the Constitution of the Grand Council of the United States.

Rule 4. In all cases where for the convenience of the Organization, two State or Territorial Councils may be established, the two Councils together shall be entitled to but thirteen delegates in the Grand Council of the United States—the proportioned number of delegates to depend on the number of members of the organization; provided, that no State be allowed to have more than one State Council without the consent of the Grand Lodge of the United States.
Rule 5. In any State, District or Territory where there may be more than one Organization working on the same basis, (to wit: the Lodges and Councils,) the same shall be required to combine; the Officers of each Organization shall retire and new officers be elected; and thereafter these bodies shall be known as State Councils and Subordinate Councils; and new charters shall be granted to them by the Grand Council.
Rule 6. It shall be considered a penal offence for any brother, not an officer of a subordinate council, to make use of the sign or summons adopted for public notification, except by direction of the President; or for the Officer of a council to post the same at any other time than from midnight to one hour before day-break; and this rule shall be incorporated into the By-Laws of the State, District or Territorial Councils.
Rule 7. The determination of the necessity and mode of issuing the posters for public notification shall be entrusted to the judgment of the State, District or Territorial Councils.
Rule 8. The respective State, District or Territorial Councils shall be required to make statements of the number of members within their respective limits at the next meeting of this Grand Council, and annually thereafter at the regular annual meeting.
Rule 9. The Grand Council of the United States shall pay from its Treasury the necessary expenses of its members in attendance upon its sessions.
Rule 10. Each State, District and Territorial Council shall be taxed ten dollars per annum for each Subordinate Council under its jurisdiction; said tax to be paid in semi-annual instalments of five dollars each, payable in the month of June and December.
Rule 11. The following shall be the key to determine and ascertain the purport of any communication that may be addressed to the President of a State, District or Territorial Council by the President of the Grand Council who is hereby instructed to communicate knowledge of the same to said officers:

Rule 12. The clause of the article in the Constitution relative to the belief in the Supreme being is obligatory upon every State and Subordinate Council, as well as upon each individual member.

STATE COUNCIL.
CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE COUNCIL OF

ARTICLE FIRST.
Section 1. This body shall be known as the State Council, and shall be composed of Representatives, elected from each existing Subordinate Council as hereinafter provided.
Section 2. At the first meeting of each Subordinate Council, or within two months thereafter, three Representatives shall be chosen for one, two or three years; who shall, by lot, decide the several terms of one, two or three years which each shall serve; and at each succeeding annual meeting each Council shall elect a Representative to serve for three years, and shall fill all vacancies whenever the same may occur.
Section 3. At each annual meeting of the State Council, thirteen delegates shall be elected to the Grand Council from this body, who shall hold office for one year; and the State Council may, at any vacancy, that may occur, fill the remainder of the term.
Section 4. In case of the inability of any delegate to attend any meeting of the Grand Council, a substitute may be appointed and sent to such meeting by the body of delegates in conjunction with the State officers.
Section 5. The regular sessions of the State Council shall be held on the first Tuesday in November and May—(the first named of which shall be the annual session)—at such hour and place as shall be selected by the Council at its previous semi-annual session.

ARTICLE SECOND.
Section 1. The officers of the State Council shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Marshal, Inside Sentinel, Outside Sentinel and Chaplain, to be elected by ballot, annually, at the November session, with the exception of the Sentinels and Chaplain, who shall be appointed by the President for each meeting.
Section 2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the State Council. He shall call special meetings, at the written request of twenty representatives from no less than two Councils, or when he may deem it necessary to do so. He shall have a general supervision of the Order in the State. He shall have power to grant dispensations for the formation of Subordinate Councils, at such places as he may deem best for the welfare of the Order, and may authorize initiations of members in places where Councils are to be organized, under such regulations as the State Council may adopt. He may visit personally, or by deputy, all Councils under his jurisdiction, and require a strict compliance with the rules and usages of the Order.
Section 3. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of each meeting, and an accurate roll of the members. He shall give information of all meetings, by a written or printed notice, to the President of each Subordinate Council. He shall collect and pay to the State Treasury all moneys due the State Council. He shall attend to such other business as may properly be required of him by his officers.
Section 4. The Treasurer shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the State Council. He shall attend to all receipts and disbursements. He shall keep a regular and correct

record of the proceedings of each meeting, and an accurate roll of the members. He shall give information of all meetings, by a written or printed notice, to the President of each Subordinate Council. He shall collect and pay to the State Treasury all moneys due the State Council. He shall attend to such other business as may properly be required of him by his officers.

Section 5. The President shall have charge of all moneys belonging to the State Council. He shall attend to all receipts and disbursements. He shall keep a regular and correct